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Influence on the Measurements of Transient
Electromagnetic Components in MWD Tools"****NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS COVER SHEET: 11****IF ANY OF THESE PAGES ARE NOT RECEIVED, PLEASE CALL BETH AT (713) 266-1130, ext. 117****Preliminary Amendment****CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE**


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to any substantive action on this application, please amend the application as indicated.

Amendments to the specifications start on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the claims start on page 3 of this document.

Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.